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Work on K-4 bridge in Barton County set to begin

Starting around Monday, May 6, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin a bridge replacement construction project on the K-4 Highway bridge over Cow Creek Drainage in Barton County, located approximately 0.1 miles west of Claflin. This bridge repair project is scheduled to be completed by December 2013, depending on delays due to adverse weather conditions.

During construction of this bridge, K-4 highway will be closed between the intersection of K-4 highway with NE 100 Avenue and the intersection of K-4/K-156 highways. K-4 traffic will detour using NE 100 Avenue and K-156 highway. Drivers can expect an additional travel time of approximately 5 minutes by using the detour route. Local traffic may access Claflin from the east using K-4, or from the south using RS 39 (NE 130 Avenue), but K-4 highway will be closed at the west edge of Claflin. The speed limit on NE 100 Avenue is 55 mph as signed.

L & M Contractors, Inc. from Great Bend is the prime contractor for this $721,586.25 project, which is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. For more information about T-WORKS projects and funding visit the website, www.ksdot.org/tworks.
KDOT urges all motorists to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. Highway construction project locations and road condition information can be viewed at the http://511.ksdot.org website, or can also be accessed by telephone by dialing 511. Persons with questions about the road work or other KDOT projects can call South Central Kansas Public Affairs Manager, Martin Miller, at 620-663-3361 or 1-877-550-5368 (Toll free).

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